



IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: HASSELBRINK, et al.)

Serial Number: 09/669,862)

Examiner: STARSIAK, J.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS**)

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CONTAMINATION OF)

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Attorney Docket Number: SD-8289)

Commissioner for Patents

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

JANUARY 21, 2005

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (CFR §1.121)

Sir:


Applicants, through their representative, submitted a response on 11/17/2004 in an OFFICIAL ACTION, mailed to the Applicants on 8/19/2004. The reply included corrected drawings. Applicants' representative, however, failed to provide proper labeling of the drawings pursuant to MPEP §608.02 requiring the drawings include a designation in the top margin of the status of each.

The current amendment is a response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, mailed to the Applicants on 12/23/2004.

Applicants' representative, therefore, respectfully provides herein clean, REPLACEMENT SHEETS of the five (5) sheets of drawings included with the 11/17/2004 response. Pursuant to MPEP §608.02(x) Applicants' representative assumes that NEW Fig. 8 has been entered by way of the prior amendment which included an annotated sheet pursuant to MPEP §608.02(v).

The forgoing paper is respectfully submitted together with the new
REPLACEMENT SHEETS of drawings, properly labeled, as responsive to the Notice of
Non-Compliant amendment mail to the Applicants on 12/23/2004, by

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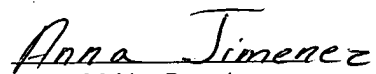

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